



NEWSLETTER

Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter March 2003

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

As far as I'm concerned snow is a dirty word. A couple of inches now and then are fine, but this winter has been a bear. Tough as it has been to keep our own driveways and walks s*#! free, the poor chapter road has taken a real beating. For a while, way back in January, we were pretty close to keeping up with it. February was a different story. Over two feet of s*%! was too much. Our primary road cleaner, the trusty Minneapolis Moline, died trying to keep up. Buddy Michael is trying to raise it from the dead, and the prognosis is good. The back up s&\$# remover, our blower attachment for the John Deere, wasn't up to two feet of the stuff. Just when it appeared that all was lost and we'd never see our road 'till August chapter members came out of the woodwork. Without going into the gruesome details of all that these folks did, suffice it to say that without them we'd still be buried. Kenny Mallick, Martin Blake, Randy Dunbar, Charles "Chuck" Limparis, Alex Limparis, Nick Limparis, Tyler L. Watson, and Tyler W. Watson. All did more than their share to help us dig us out. In a word, THANKS!

SKEET & TRAP NEWS

The snow has certainly put a crimp on our shooting over the last few weeks. By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox I hope that all the walks will be clear of snow and ice and shotgunning can finally resume. There will be no shortage of wet slippery mud so be careful moving to and from the fields. The Winter Skeet league has come to a close in spite of the snow and especially cold weather. Thanks to everyone that represented our club, and especially to

Conley Phipps for keeping the official scores for the league. **If you have an interest in becoming a Shotgun Range Officer, or would like more information, please contact Bill Rahn at 301-774-6234 / Pawarahn2@aol.com or Bob.Cumberland@verizon.net.**

CONSERVATION REPORT

March and April will be very busy. We would welcome a few additional hands for two Elm Tree plantings in Gaithersburg during March. Then, the annual Patuxent River Watershed Clean-Up will take place on Saturday April 5. We have seen a steady decrease in the amount of trash collected at each river site from year to year. This has allowed us to gradually expand the scope of our clean-up and we will be cleaning up a site in 'downtown' Damascus for the first time. This year, the Chapter is being joined by many organizations throughout the Patuxent watershed to do a watershed wide clean-up similar to what has been done in the Potomac watershed for many years. Additional information on events throughout the watershed and elsewhere can be found on the Calendar at the Department of Environmental Protection's web site: www.askdep.com (look for a new link for "Earth Month" or look on their calendar on the top navigation bar). To help with any of the WAC events, contact Jeffrey Deschamps (301)604-3736.

JUNIOR AIR PROGRAM

We recently received notification from the American Legion that Brian Watson was the overall winner in Maryland in the precision category, while Daniel Pearce was the overall winner in Maryland in the Sporter category. Each will now shoot a witnessed local match to determine

whether or not they will earn the right to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado to shoot in the American Legion National Final. About the same time, Brian Watson learned that he has received a rifle scholarship and will attend Xavier University next year. We recently completed the NRA Junior Sectional 3 Position Air Rifle Match at the Chapter house. 73 competitors from four states competed in this match. Daniel Pearce was the GOLD medal winner in sporter class, and Brian Watson was the BRONZE medal winner in precision class. Andy Carr won the first place individual sub-junior medal, Neil Heckman won the second place individual sub-junior medal, and Daniel Reed won the second place intermediate junior medal, in the sporter category. Our Intermediate Junior team (Dan Pearce, Daniel Reed, Nick Limparis, and Ian Duncan) won the first place Intermediate Junior sporter team medals. Our younger Sub-Junior team of Steven "Andy" Carr, Neil Heckman, Aleem Sheikh (with a broken wrist in a cast) and David Carr actually outscored our older Intermediate Junior team; however, they had no subjunior team competitor and were unable to earn team medals for that reason. We congratulate all our competitors on their fine performances!

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club will meet the FIRST Monday and THIRD Friday of each month.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE

INFORMATION: For more information about any of the rifle/pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact **Ray Shaver** by e-mail to

MRShaver@aol.com or telephone **301-926-0465**. If you can't reach **Ray**, try **Tom Riley** by e-mail to **tejas1@bellatlantic.net** or telephone **301-774-7426** (before 6 PM, please).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle/pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box which contains the range sign-in register. **For March 2003, starting time is 10 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 PM**, unless some activity has preempted the range. Please help us to be a good neighbor by firing no shots before the posted starting time and none after the posted ending time.

NEW CO-CHAIRMAN: On March 5, the WAC Board of Directors recognized **Tom Riley's** continuing efforts in support of chapter rifle and pistol ranges by appointing him co-chairman of the rifle/pistol range committee. With that appointment, **Tom** now formally shares responsibilities for rifle/pistol range committee activities and projects with the long-standing committee chairman, **Ray Shaver**.

PRACTICAL DEFENSE MATCH: A practical defense match will be held on **Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Please note that participants will meet at 9:00 AM in the Rathskeller; don't go directly to the range. For additional information, you can contact **Jesse Lim** via e-mail to **jlim@phillips.com** or telephone **301-540-0860** (evenings only please).

.22 SHOOT RESCHEDULED: Because of the heavy snow cover and sloppy range conditions, the **.22 silhouette match originally scheduled for March 9 has been moved to Saturday April 12**. Although shooting is planned from 10 AM until 2 PM, **Tom Riley** is asking participants to arrive on the rifle range around 9:30 AM to help set things up and review the plans for the day. For additional information, contact **Tom** via e-mail to **tejas1@bellatlantic.net** or telephone **301-774-7426** (before 6 PM, please).

HIGH POWER MATCH: Heralding the start of a new shooting season, the first of five annual high powered rifle matches sponsored by Seneca Valley Sports Association will be held on **Saturday, April 5**. Show up between 9:00 and 9:30 for registration. Shooting

takes place from 10 AM until early afternoon. Participation in this activity will qualify you for purchasing M1 Garands and other rifles through the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

RANGE ROAD & GATE: The range road is likely to be sloppy during warm days and icy on cold mornings until February's snow is completely gone and the moisture has had a chance to soak in or evaporate. The barrier gate, which has been open most of the winter to avoid damage from and problems for vehicles attempting to start on the hill, will probably remain open during much of March while the drying process is underway. However, it could be closed at any time, so **please don't go to the range without your keycard to open the gate**. Also, with an open gate, please be alert to the possible presence of unauthorized persons on the ranges (see "YEAR 2003 CARDS" below).

YEAR 2003 CARDS: As of February 1, shooters must display a year 2003 range-approved membership card to use the rifle and pistol ranges. Shooters without such a card are trespassing, and should be asked to leave if encountered on the ranges. Please report any such incidents to the rifle/pistol committee chairman, **Ray Shaver**, or the chapter caretaker. If you haven't renewed your membership, or have renewed but haven't received your year 2003 range-approved membership card, contact the membership secretary (**Joe Gick, 301-774-9399**) immediately, and stay off of the ranges until you get your new card. **BRING YOUR NEW CARD TO A WAC MEETING OR THE MONTHLY SITE MAINTENANCE TO HAVE IT LAMINATED FREE OF CHARGE. WE ALSO PROVIDE A CLIP SO YOU CAN WEAR THE CARD VISIBLY, AS REQUIRED, WHILE AT THE RANGE.**

MARCH SITE MAINTENANCE: The next monthly maintenance of WAC ranges, Christmas trees, house and grounds will be done from **10 AM until 1 PM on Sunday, 30**. Please report to the maintenance coordinator, **Tom Riley**, at the green equipment shed for an assignment.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: Probationary members are required to help in two chapter events during their first year of WAC membership. If you

are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out in an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Feb. 23): **Steve Lefebvre** and **Barry Ephraim** taught the class despite the snow and rising water. **Barry** also deserves our thanks for his dedicated effort over many weeks on a new test for that class. **Ray Logan** also contributed to the new test through his painstaking review, criticism, and editorial comments.

SITE MAINTENANCE (Feb. 23): Although the flooded storage shed prevented them from doing much, **Chuck Limparris** and **Tom Riley** deserve mention for showing up and trying.

KITCHEN (Feb. 26): **Scott Gavel**, **Jeffrey Wible**, and **Dennis Price**.

RANGE ROAD: **Martin Blake** and **Randy Dunbar** spent a good bit of Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, plowing the range road and lower parking lot with Martins plow. Without their effort, the road might have remained impassable for several more weeks.

THANKS ALSO TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS: Noticing our plans for a new storage container on the rifle range, **Jim Rush** arranged to get us a used set of heavy-duty, commercial-grade steel shelves for use in it. And **Jim Knowles**, owner of Knowles printing services in Kensington, donated thirty copies of the new WAC range orientation test to the chapter.

CALENDAR March 2003

Thu 13, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Thu 13, DNR Hunter Safety Instructors Class (upstairs)

Sat 15, IWLA State Division Meeting 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM upstairs

Sat 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sat 15, Junior Airgun 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat 15, Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 12: PM (uncovered pistol range closed during event)

Sun 16, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00

Mon 17, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00

Tue 18, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00
Thu 20, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00
Fri 21, Cowboy Action Shoot Set Up
 1:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed
Sat 22, Planting of American Elm Trees
Sat 22, Cowboy Action Shoot 8:00 to 4:00 PM Rifle Pistol Ranges Closed
Sat 22, Skeet & Trap 10:00 AM to 12:00
Sat 22, Junior Airgun 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Sun 23, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00
Mon 24, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 25, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 26, Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Social, Dinner 7:30 PM
Thu 27, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 29, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Sat 29, New Cowboy Shooter Clinic 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (uncovered pistol range closed during class)
Sat 29, Air Rifle Field Target Match (Re-scheduled from Saturday, March 8, 2003.) 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sun 30, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 30, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 30, Skeet /Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 PM
Sun 30, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM
Sun 30, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
Mon 31, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

CALENDAR April 2003

Tue 1, Conservation/SOS Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Tue 1, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 2, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, Perspective Members Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Thu 3, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 5, River Clean-Up 8:30
Sat 5, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Sat 5, Junior Precision .22 Rifle 10:00 AM to 1:00
Sat 5, Seneca Valley Rifle Match 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rifle range closed during event)
Sun 6, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Mon 7, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 8, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00
Wed 9, Skeet & Trap Open 2:00 PM to

7:00 PM
Thu 10, Junior Airgun 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Fri 11, Jr. USA MD Olympic Airgun Championship Set Up (upstairs & down
Sat 12, Silhouette .22 Rifle Match 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM Rifle range closed during match
Sat 12, Jr. USA MD Olympic Airgun Championship 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM (upstairs & down)
Sat 12, Air Rifle Field Target Match 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sat 12, Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM
Sat 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 13, Jr. USA MD Olympic Airgun Championship 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM (upstairs & down)
Sun 13, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

Skeet & Trap POC: Bob Cumberland 301-253-1348
 Junior Airgun POC: Bob Inness 301-340-9185 email: binness@starpower.net or John Watson 301-929-3583
 Adult Airgun POC: Phil Dean 301-865-8202
 Christmas Tree POC: John Leaman 301-972-1572
 Cowboy Shoot POC: Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666
 Rifle Pistol Range POC: Ray Shaver 301-926-0465
 Astronomy Club & Range Orientation: Steve Lefebvre 301-428-9400
 Bowling Pin Shoot POC: Jesse Lim 301-540-0860
 Conservation Committee POC: Jim Piatieski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736
 River Clean-up and Adopt A-Road: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237 smc_geek@msn.com

MARCH NEW MEMBERS

Barry Blum, Gaithersburg, MD
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 Craig De Leon, Burtonsville, MD
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 Sponsor: Phil Dean
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 Alan Zimmerman, Gaithersburg, MD
 Sponsor: Joe Gick

COWBOY SHOOTING CLINIC

We will be having a "New Cowboy Shooter" Clinic on March 29, 2003. The clinic is designed for those seeking more information about Cowboy Action Shooting. There will be three classes, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Atlantic Guns will be there with loaner firearms if needed. The class will be held at the uncovered pistol range. **SAFETY and fun are the real focus of the sport, eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators.** The cost is \$2.00. Shooters can bring ammunition (see requirements for ammo below. Limited supplies of ammo will be available. You may have some of the guns already. The game requires two single action pistols, a lever action rifle (in a pistol caliber) and a side-by-side shotgun (without ejectors) or a pump action shotgun with an exposed hammer. If you have them, bring 'um along. If not, we will have some there. Calibers can be no smaller than 32. Cap and ball is allowed for SASS matches, but we will not be providing ammo or powder at this clinic. Clinic ammo requirements: We will be providing firearms in 38 special and 45 Long Colt. Ammo must be all lead, no copper jacketed bullets. Generally, loads made for cowboy shooting are best. Shotgun shells needed are in 20 ga. or 12 ga. 7 1/2 shot size or smaller. If you have appropriate firearms in other calibers, you can use those with your own **all-lead** ammunition. The cowboy clothing requirement is relaxed for the New Cowboy Shooter Clinic. But a cowboy hat and alias would be nice. Age limit is 12 years old (with parent and previous experience). Preregistration is recommended. You can pre-register by contacting Chuckaroo (Chuck Crooks) at 301-831-9666. You can also download a clinic application (<http://members.aol.com/chuckaroo3>) and

mail it to Chuckaroo, 3147 Pheasant Run, Ijamsville, Md. 21754.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS: March 2003

Saturday 3/1 Vivian & Robert
MacLoed
Sunday 3/2 Robert Taylor, Kevin
O'Neill
Saturday 3/8 Tony Evans, Bill Rahn
Sunday 3/9 Shep Burton, Burt
Mullineaux
Saturday 3/15 "The Fichter Gang"
Sunday 3/16 Dave Gold, Peter Currall
Saturday 3/22 John Henrich, &
Rebecca
Sunday 3/23 Rob Van Tassel, Frank
Saenz
Saturday 3/29 Charlie Weaver,
Richard Zabell
Sunday 3/30 Bob Cumberland, Bill
Wright

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Saturday 4/5 Vivian & Robert
MacLoed
Sunday 4/6 Burt Mullineaux, Shep
Burton

Saturday 4/12 "The Fichter Gang"
Sunday 4/13 Dave Gold, Peter
Currall
Saturday 4/19 Tony Evans, Charlie
Weaver, Robert Taylor
Sunday 4/20 EASTER SUNDAY
Saturday 4/26 John & Rebecca
Henrich, Bill Rahn
Sunday 4/27 Frank Saenz, Rob Van
Tassel

COMPUTER VIRUS

I have been talking with a few IWLA-WAC members only to discover they have received E-mails that were sent to them by addresses known to them, that contained a virus. The E-mails contained a file to download. Generally, the files had an extension of .zip or .exe. as the file type. The E-mails were virus driven. Another common denominator was the message. The message was either real short, none at all, or a bunch of characters and symbols, or not the type of message you would have expected from that person. The owner of sending E-mail address has gotten a virus that copied their address book or someone else had

the address, in their address book when they got the virus. The virus sends E-mails to people that are in the victims address book using the victims E-mail address as the sender. If you download the file you will also get the virus. If you get such an E-mail, do not open it. Check with the sender, if they did not send it, pass it on to your service provider. If you send files to friends, put enough text in the E-mail so that the receiver knows it is you. Messages to club members from IzaakWaltonWAC@aol.com or WildlifeRangers@aol.com are sent by me. They will always have a complete message relating to Izaak Walton events or programs. I will never send a file attached to any of our clubs E-mailings. If you get a E-mail from either of these club addresses, that does not have an IWLA-WAC related message and there is a file to download DO NOT download the file. Send it to your service provider. I received one from my own screen name. So I knew I did not send it. Someone, with my address in their address book, got the virus. I hope this prevents you and those in your address book from getting a virus. Thanks, Chuck Crooks